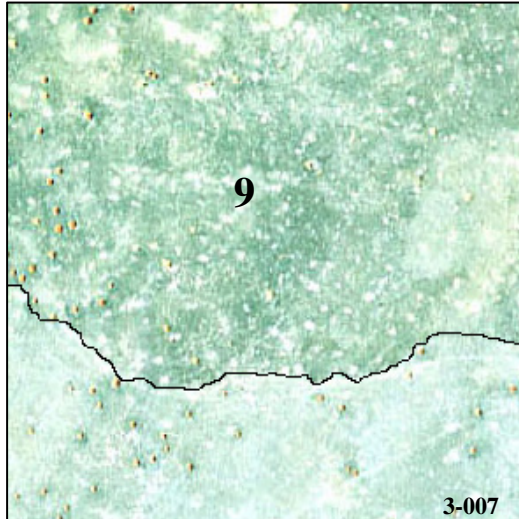


Needle-and-Thread Grassland (9)



Location This map class occurs in isolated, large polygons within a mile (1.6 km) of Highway 89. In general, it is limited to the level summits of minor mesas, where pea-sized cinder mixes with limestone chips to form a coarse soil. Needle-and-thread grass is always dominant, although there may be significant cover of galleta or black grama.



Photosignature. Polygons of this map class are easily distinguishable because of their distinctive gray-green color broken by white speckles. Surrounding grasslands are usually much smoother in texture and lighter gray in color. This map class may sometimes be confused with grasslands supporting prairie dog colonies or ant hills, which produce similarly sized white speckles.